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REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action dated 23 September 2003, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-41 and 43-45 are pending in the application, and are rejected. Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 26, 32, 33, 37, 39, 40, and 42 will be canceled and claims 2, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 27, 30, 31, 34-36, 38, 41, and 43-45 will be amended upon entry of the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

Telephone Interviews

The applicant thanks Examiner Lamarre for the telephone interviews granted on Thursday, 15 January 2004 and Thursday, 22 January 2004, between himself and the applicant's representative Mr. Mates (Reg. No. 35,271). The final Office Action, the applied references, and the amendments to the claims made herein were discussed during the interviews.

Rejections of Claims Under §103

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-10, 12-28, 30-41, and 43-45 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,991,232, Matsumura) in view of Manning (U.S. Patent No. 6,032,274). The applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 3, 7, 11 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumura, Manning, and Schober (U.S. Patent No. 6,297,668). The applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 26, 32, 33, 37, 39, 40, and 42 will be canceled and claims 2, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 27, 30, 31, 34-36, 38, 41, and 43-45 will be amended upon entry of the present amendment according to the substance of the discussions between Examiner Lamarre and Mr. Mates referred to above. The applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-25, 27-31, 34-36, 38, 41, and 43-45 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at 612-373-6973 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

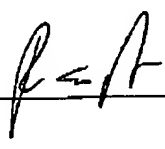
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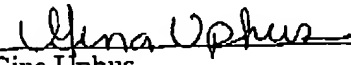
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